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SUBJ: ECOSOC: GENERAL DEBATE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

OPENED WEDNESDAY A.M. BY STATEMENTS BY MEXICO,

FRANCE AND FRG

1. MANY SPEAKERS WILL TAKE FLOOR BUT VERY FEW ARE

READY TO SPEAK UNTIL THURSDAY P.M.

2. IN STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT, MEXICAN REP CLAIMED
THAT IDS WAS A "THUNDEROUS FAILURE." HE SAID THAT IDS
WAS BASED ON POLITICAL WILL OF DC'S TO GIVE DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT DONE SO AND CLEARLY
LACKED POLITICAL WILL. HE CLAIMED THAT STRATEGY WAS
REPLACED ON 1 MAY 1974 WHEN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER WAS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
WHEN UNGA ADOPTED THE CERDS. HE FELT THERE WAS NO USE
TO REVISE A DOCUMENT THAT HAS BEEN A FAILURE AND
THEREFORE COMMITTEE SHOULD LOSE NO TIME IN PREPARING A
NEW IDS. HE ADDED VIEW THAT ONE WEEK WOULD BE ENOUGH
FOR CURRENT R AND A SESSION. HE NOTED G-77 HAS ALREADY
TAKEN SOME INITIATIVE TO OUTLINE THE MAJOR AREAS WHICH
URGENTLY REQUIRE EMERGENCY ACTION. THESE INCLUDE
BETTER MARKET ACCESS FOR LDC EXPORTS, TRANSFER
OF RESOURCES, MONETARY REFORM, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND INDUSTRIALIZATION. FINALLY, HE CLAIMED THAT THE
NIEO HAS ALREADY SUBSTITUTED FOR 90 PERCENT OF THE SUBJECT

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MATTER OF THE IDS AND THE WAY TO HANDLE THE BALANCE

IS TO TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT.

3. FRG REPRESENTATIVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE IDS AND SAID IT IS A GUIDELINE FOR FRG POLICY TO LDC'S. THE REVIEW SO FAR INDICATES THAT THE STRATEGY HAS RANGED FROM FAILURE TO PARTIAL SUCCESS. OVERALL DATA SHOWS SUCCESS ALTHOUGH RESULTS DIFFER WIDELY FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. HE ENDORSED THE IDEA OF SUBGROUPS FOR LDC'S. OUR REVIEW, HE SAID, SHOULD IDENTIFY PRACTICAL STEPS TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT AND WE SHOULD FOCUS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY AND THE PROGRESS MADE. FRG REP THEN GAVE DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN AID AND TRADE FIELDS WITH NUMEROUS STATISTICS.

4. REP FOR FRANCE REGARDED IDS AS A GLOBAL AND INTEGRATED PROGRAM TO SERVE INTERDEPENDENT OBJECTIVES. HE SAID THAT THE NIEO DOES NOT REPLACE BUT COMPLEMENTS AND STRENGTHENS THE STRATEGY AND THIS NOW NEEDED MORE THAN EVER TO RELATE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES AND ACTIONS TO EACH OTHER. ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THE IDS, HE SAID, ARE ITS INTERNAL COHERENCE, GLOBAL COVERAGE, AND RELATING OF INTERDEPENDENT OBJECTIVES. WE SHOULD NOT CONSIDER "PELL MELL" NEW TARGETS WITHOUT RELATING THEM CAREFULLY TO OVERALL DOCUMENT. HE COMMENDED FAO FOR EFFORT TO DETERMINE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF RECENT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND ASKED FOR FURTHER SUCH ANALYSIS IN OTHER FIELDS. WE MUST PUT INTO CONTEXT ACTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND MINING TO MEET LONG TERM NEEDS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE DECADE AND DETERMINE VOLUME OF RESOURCES REQUIRED TO CARRY THEM OUT. HE FELT THAT ANY NEW OBJECTIVES NEEDED TO BE QUANTIFIED AND COSTED. R AND A COMMITTEE SHOULD ALSO TIE TOGETHER IDS, PROGRAM OF ACTION, THE WORK OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, AND TARGETS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HE NOTED THAT DC ECONOMIC SUCCESS REFLECTED FAVORABLY ON LDC'S AND THAT PROBLEM OF INFLATION, TREATED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS WAYS, WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTING LDC'S. HE NOTED CHANGE IN THINKING IN DC'S ON VALIDITY OF BLIND GROWTH. GREATER DC ATTENTION UNCLASSIFIED

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TO BETTER ENVIRONMENT, LESS PROFILIGATE RESOURCE USE NEED NOT JEOPARDIZE LDC PROGRESS, BUT WILL HAVE EFFECTS WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED. HE COMMENDED WFC EMPHASIS ON AID AND AGRARIAN REFORM, EMPHASIZED NEED TO CONSIDER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND PARTICULARLY HEALTH, EDUCATION AND REDISTRIBUTION OF INCOME. HE REFERRED TO INDIAN PROPOSAL THAT G-77 DOCUMENT AT RECENT TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD SPECIAL SESSION COULD BE A BASIS FOR

OUR FURTHER WORK BUT ONLY ONE BASIS. HE AGREED TO NEED
FOR WORKING GROUPS TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AND
CALLED FOR EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THE FORM OF OUR
FINAL CONCLUSIONS.

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